

-The GAEA Champ Forum from threeish weeks ago Ruled it pretty hard. The first match is is all the little gal rookies that are also starting to come into their own (and Ichiki:)). Ichiki and lil Toshie Uematsu tag with the other Kato maybe vs Hirota, Numao and Sonoko Kato. It's pretty good for a bunch of rookies as they get all Lucha-esque in their intricate multi-cute lil gal spots. The highlights are this weird cartwheel armdrag by the other member of the Uematsu/Ichiki trio and the fabulous Dragon Suplex by Sonoko. Ichiki is improving fast in that she is becoming more crisp in her execution and her willingness to get killed by everybody else. Numao is gonna be REAL good one day.

The Satomura/Sugar Satoh match, possibly, for the WCW Women's Cruiserweight title or something dealing with that, was pretty choice, with both of these gals going into full submission hold mode. They do the great thing of doing the near-submission reverses and counters that would replace the near-falls of a regular match. Very cool, as these are definitely two of the real deals for the future. Afterwards, Shugah is the hot kinky ball of evil that she can be and Satomura is the hot-headed defender of the faith that she is wont to be in these OZ Academy encounters. (Satomura was wearing the CHOICE red outfit as opposed to the lesser hot-pink get-up.:))

The Akira/Chigusa vs KAORU/Matsumoto match is great, if not for Matsumoto- who gets Ichiki'd all over the ring by the cranky old bitch Akira and equally cranky Chigusa. They beat the hell out of her and KAORU just kinda runs in and keeps her in play for the other to punt around. Akira hits her myriad of Death Drop Driver's and whatnot and Chigusa does her running, rolling, face-destroying kicks. I think KAORU gets a KAORUbomb II in somewhere over there, but if I were Matsumoto, I'd hop on the OZ Academy bandwagon already. At least the Matron of that little gang would have taken a chair to the bridge ladies who were kicking your keister all over the place before it was all said and done. GAEA RULES! WOO-HOO!

-I watched an (unbelievably) ALMOST TOTALLY GREAT WAR tape, 2/95, (MIKE!!! WOO-HOO!! QUEBRADA!!!) I knew the Ultimo Dragon vs Jericho match was gonna kick ass (which it did in a truly royal fashion). UD was wearing little pants, which is the only flaw in this SUPERB match between these two. I really think I have all of these matches on tape between these two that exist, and this might be the best they have done. UD uses a lot of Lucha moves I haven't seen him use in Japan (or Mexico in fact) including a missed Corkscrew plancha. He and Jericho mirrored each others moves, the pinnacle of which was the reverse springboard moonsault to the floor that UD hit on Jericho after Jericho had hit it on him. Jericho hits two FAT-ASS toprope suplexes that he needs to doo over on this side of the Atlantic.

The weird match that I thought was good when it shouldn't have been was the Bob Bachlund, Jimmy Snuka, and Mil Mascaras vs Hector Garza and The Eliminators match. It is such a weird pairing and I was expecting the worst, but everybody worked their ass off, Bachlund wasn't in for too long at a time and when he was in, the Elims and Garza worked his NA Pro Style really well. Snuka was actually kinda inspiring for a second there as he worked a quick sequence with Garza before blowing up which is normal for someone his age. This was the best this match could be, with it staying low-impact but well-thought out to protect the fossils in the ring, who were actually looking inspired for the affair. Garza hits a Corkscrew plancha to the floor that misses Bachlund and hits Perry Saturn. (The ELiminators look a zillion times cooler now, by the way.:))

Tenryu vs Koji Kitoa was the main event and EVEN I don't have THAT iron of a stomach to watch that at normal speed. I also fast forwarded through the Gedo/somebody vs Tarzan Scroto (tee-hee!)/somebody match.

-JEEZEUS! I watched the Steve Williams/Mitsuhara Misawa and BOY! did THAT suck! I'm not one to kick a man when he's down, but did Steve have a twelve pack of Schlitz before that match? Nothing worked, it looked real clumsy, no build to the random finishers that are thrown in until end where Misawa mercifully puts this baby to bed- a real dog of a match, ESPECIALLY considering the two guys who were in it. Williams hits one good released German Suplex AND THEN goes into an extended sleeper hold? YIKES! Explain this one away, folks.

-HEY! HEY! Benoit/Malenko for the belt! KICK ASS! If they drag Eddie and a non-Cruiserweight Champion Waltman into this, we are gonna have a real good monster feud on our hands! WOO-HOO! I see that Hokuto is probly gonna be dropping the belt there too. Who knows though, they are on a streak of not dropping belts at obvious points. Whatever gets the division over I guess- even if it is putting the belt on the useless in the ring Medusa. I await the Women's Cruiserweight belt and the arrival of Toshie Uematsu to our fair shores.

-HEEEEEYYY! Who the Hell let Hanzo Nakajima into the Big Deluxe? I guess he is the Micheal Wallstreet of Kaientai Deluxe.:)

NEXT WEEK: Hey! I watched DreamSlam I in my never-ending Women's Wrestlathon and I'm a watch again for next week! And LUCHA! LUCHA! LUCHA! Woo-HOO!

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